

# Head End Network Controllers 2-Way RF and Wired Networking



Contemporary Research offers two solutions for intelligent television control and distributed media management, the ICC-HE and ICW-HE Head-End Network Controllers. Both units are capable of networking up to 4,000 iC-Net TV Controllers, Display Controllers and Tuners into a unified, interactive system. Compatible with **ABC Media Retrieval System** and **iC Commander** software, as well as custom control systems, the Head-End Network controllers send and receive all commands from a single RS-232 control port.

The ICW-HE provides 2-way iCW-Net networking, distributing iC-Net commands and responses over Category 5 or Category 3 wiring. Three iCW-Net ports are included, each capable of connecting thousands of ICW-Net format controllers over wiring runs of up to 3,300 feet (1 Km). In addition, iCW-Net data can be sent to remote locations over fiber and videoconferencing codecs.

The ICC-HE features the same iCW-Net capabilities as well as distributing iCC-Net data over the CATV cable. Employing clear-channel RF frequencies to transmit and receive data, the iCC-Net network is compatible with any CATV system without conflict with existing channels. The bi-directional network operates over a standard low-split cable system, simplifying installation and support.

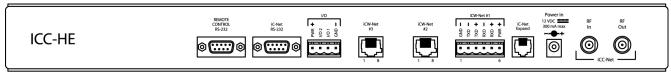
Applications include educational television systems, presentation rooms, auditoriums, pay-per-view, theme parks, museums and industrial video networks.

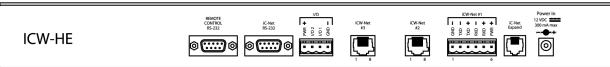
### **Features**

- ∇ Networks up to 4,000 TVs through wired iCW-Net and broadband CATV iCC-Net protocol
  - iCC-Net operates through same CATV coax as TV channels, requires no additional wiring
    Clear-channel send and receive frequencies compatible with all CATV distribution systems
    Operates over a standard low-split cable system, simplifying installation and support.
  - iCW-Net distributes data over standard Category 5 or 3 wiring
    Compatible with fiber optic cable, or codec network data distribution
- Sends commands to individual devices, zones, or all units from a single RS-232 port
- Interacts with ABC Media Retrieval Systems, iC Commander software, or custom control systems
- ▼ Includes local control buttons and I/O ports that can trigger events in PC software or control systems
- ∇ Provides LED feedback for network, control, and operation status
- Restores operation status after loss of power from data stored in non-volatile memory
- ∇ Mounts on shelf or 19" equipment rack



## ICC/ICW-HE Specifications





#### **Physical**

Size: 19" [483mm] wide x 1.75" [38mm] height (1RU) x 9" [229mm] deep

Weight: 3 lbs [1.36kg]

Enclosure: All aluminum with durable black powder coat paint Mounting: Shelf or 19" equipment rack (mounting brackets included)

Front Panel

RF Out Adjust: Trims iCC-Net channel output, shipped set to +55 dBmV

RS-232 TX LED: Yellow LED, lights when receiving RS-232 data on Control or iC-Net RS-232 port RS-232 TX LED: Yellow LED, lights when receiving RS-232 data on Control or iC-Net RS-232 port RS-232 DIP Switch: Sets RS-232 baud rate (9600 - 38.4K), 8 data bits, no parity, 1 stop bit

Selects high/low sensitivity for RF In signal

Net LED: Green LED for iC-Net bus, flashes once per second if network is operating, device numbers agree

LED will flash twice per second if the number of present and expected devices do not match

COM LED: Yellow LED blinks when a valid command is received or system response sent through the Control port

Error LED: Red LED indicates a problem within the unit

Reset/Default: White button sends press and release response to PC software or control system Emergency: Red button sends press and release response to PC software or control system

Rear Panel

iCW-Net 1:

Power In:

Control RS-232: DB9 female, RS-232 data link to control system or PC

iC-Net RS-232: DB9 female, RS-232 data link to send iCW-Net over fiber or codec I/O 1 & 2: 4-pin captive screw terminal for Input/Outputs 1 and 2

2 switch closures or inputs, max 50 mA, 24 VDC, switch to GND

I/O Applications: DC power - close pins 1 & 3 to provide DC on/off

Dry closure 2 - close pins 3 & 4 for dry contact to external power relay, AMX PC1 or similar

Sense closure (3 & 4) on Input 1 - trigger control system to power off for all rooms

## iCW-Net Connections (ICC-HE and ICW-HE)

iCW-Net 2, 3: RJ-45 female 8 pin Telco jack, supports 3300 ft [1 km] of wire

RS-422 type data requiring at least 2 twisted wire pairs with shield or fifth conductor 6-pin captive-screw terminal for system wiring or use with RS-422-format fiber or codecs

iC-Net Expand: RJ-11 female 6-pin Telco jack

CAT3/CAT5 compatible unshielded, max 3,300 feet [1 Km] from Head End 2.1mm coaxial jack (inside center conductor positive), 300 mA maximum

11 to 18 VDC, 12 VDC typical (may be unregulated)

#### iCC-Net Connections (ICC-HE Only)

RF In: 'F', female, 75 ohm impedance, RF and iCC-Net from CATV system

Data Receive: Carried over the same RF coax connection as TV channels

Return signal from system controllers

Sub-band, 5.6MHz, narrow-band signal below standard sub-band channels

-15 to +35 dBmV signal level (0 to +15 dBmV nominal)

RF Out: 'F', female, 75 ohm impedance, RF to CATV distribution to TVs, tuners, and controllers

Data Transmit: Mid-band VHF, 74.7 MHz, narrow-band signal between channels 4 and 5

± 80 KHz max carrier deviation +55 dBmV maximum (default)

#### Includes

19" Mounting hardware

10 dB RF attenuator (ICC-HE only)

12 VDC Power Supply (North American shipments only)